

Ray Menaker Collection

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Repository: Sheldon Museum and Cultural Center

Creator: Menaker, Ray

Title: Ray Menaker Collection

Dates: 1971-2002 (Bulk Dates: 1973-1980)

Quantity: 2.0 Cubic Feet

Abstract: Ray Menaker was a civic leader in Haines, Alaska. These materials document his roles on the Haines School Board and the Haines Borough Assembly, as well as personal documents related to his family.

Collection ID: 2010.066

Biographical History

Raymond Robert Menaker was born in Philadelphia on Jan. 25, 1922. Ray grew up in New York City. Ray graduated from Columbia University in 1943 where he studied French and Russian. After graduation Ray enlisted in the Navy, serving during the war as a communications training officer on the USS DeLong. He attended Stanford University on the GI bill and became an elementary school teacher. He met Vivian at work. They married in 1949, and he adopted her 6 year-old son David. They moved to Alaska in 1954 and arrived in Haines in 1955. He taught 7th and 8th grade social studies and English, and high school French, journalism, drama and speech. He also was active in civic life, serving multiple terms on the Borough Assembly and School Board. He founded the Chilkat Valley News and was a founder and longtime board member of KHNS. He was also heavily involved in the Lynn Canal Community Players through acting, directing, and serving as board treasurer. He was a founding member of Lynn Canal Conservation and was a founding member of the advisory council for the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve. He died on September 22, 2015.

Collection Scope and Notes

The Ray Menaker Collection is comprised of materials collected by Ray Menaker during his time as a civic leader in Haines, Alaska. The bulk of the collection relates to his time in public service on the Haines School Board and the Haines Borough Assembly. There are also personal papers related to family.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into the following series

Series 001 - Personal

Series 002 – School Board Materials

Series 003 – Haines Borough Assembly

Series 004 - Books

Series 005 – Photographic Material

Book has been moved to the library. Photographs have been moved to Photo collection Storage. All dates are in American format – mm/dd/yyyy.

Restrictions

There are no restrictions on this collection.

Subject Terms

Menaker, Raymond (Ray)

Alaska

Haines

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Ray Menaker in 2010.

Processing Information

The collection was processed and catalogued by Jessie Hopper in 2017.

Associated Information

Series 001 – Personal

Box	File	
001	001	Charlotte Jones Estate Documents (Vivian Menaker's mother)
001	002	IDs and Membership Cards
001	003	Camps
001	004	Palo Alto Property
001	005	David Welts Lawsuit
001	006	Olive Fisher Remembers Haines House
001	007	USS DeLong Reunions
001	008	Ed Menaker Materials
001	009	Awards
001	010	Speeches
001	011	Workshops and Conferences
001	012	Correspondence – Personal
001	013	Journal
001	014	Notebooks
001	015	Ray and Vivian Menaker Wills
001	016	Miscellaneous

Series 002 – School Board Materials

Box	File	
001	017	Agendas – 1974-1998
001	018	Meeting Minutes – 1974-1980
002	001	Correspondence – School Board
002	002	Haines School District Budgets
002	003	Contract Negotiations – Teachers
002	004	Association of Alaska School Boards Survey of School District Financials
002	005	Community Education
002	006	Haines Borough School District Strategic Plan
002	007	Haines Learning Center
002	008	Haines School District Directory
002	009	Reports
002	010	Vocational Facility

Series 003 – Haines Borough Assembly

Box	File	
003	001	Recall Election

003 002 Chilkat Center for the Arts
003 003 Haines Borough – Financial Records
003 004 Haines Borough – Land Issues
003 005 Haines Borough – Road Issues

Box File

003 006 Assembly Materials – Undated
003 007 Assembly Materials – 1971
003 008 Assembly Materials – 1973
003 009 Assembly Materials – 1974
003 010 Assembly Materials – 1975
003 011 Assembly Materials – 1976
003 012 Assembly Materials – 1977
003 013 Assembly Materials – 1978

004 001 Assembly Materials – 1978
004 002 Assembly Materials – 1978
004 003 Assembly Materials – 1979
004 004 Assembly Materials – 1980
004 005 Assembly Materials – 1992
004 006 Assembly Materials – 1994
004 007 Assembly Materials – 1995
004 008 Assembly Materials – 1997

005 001 Assembly Materials – 1998
005 002 Assembly Materials – 2000
005 003 Assembly Materials – 2002
005 004 Haines Borough Assembly – Agenda Materials - January 17, 1977
005 005 Haines Borough Assembly – Agenda Materials – January 16, 1979
005 006 Haines Borough Assembly – Meeting Minutes and Attachments –
March 20, 1979